for the industrial growth for Ninth Five Year Plan. As against this target, a growth rate of 2.3% has been achieved in the industrial production during April—December 2001-02. The Planning Commission does not set targets on monthly basis and at disaggregated levels of industrial groups/sectors. However, Planning Commission has set following Sectoral growth targets (%), which are required to achieve a 6.5% growth in GDP during the Ninth Five Year Plan. The actual growth rate achieved during the first nine months of the current financial year (April—December, 2001-02) is less than the targeted growth for all the three Sectoral components (Mining and Quarrying, Manufacturing and Electricity) of the Index of Industrial Production.

Sector	Target	Actual (Apr.—Dec. 2001-02)
Mining & Quarrying	5.1	1.1
Manufacturing	7.1	2.4
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	8.4	2.3*

*Excludes Gas and water supply.

FDI in tobacco sector

26. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:
SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to allow Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in tobacco sector to promote production of tobacco leaf; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH): (a) No change is contemplated in the present practice of not permitting FDI in tobacco sector.

(b) Does not arise.